

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (currently amended) A method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles for a human which comprises orally administering to a human a skin care agent comprising chitinoligosaccharide and N-acetylglucosamine, wherein the chitinoligosaccharide is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent and the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total amount of the skin care agent.

Claim 5. (currently amended) A method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles for a human which comprises orally administering to a human an

effective amount of a skin care agent to improve moisture and tension of the skin comprising:

(a) a collagen peptide that is obtained by extracting collagen from skin or an adjacent portion thereof, or bone or an adjacent portion thereof, of a fish; and

(b) N-acetylglucosamine ~~ff,]]~~;

wherein the collagen peptide is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent and the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 99.9 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the collagen peptide ~~is~~ obtained by ~~extracting collagen from skin or an adjacent portion thereof~~ ~~[[,]] or bone or an adjacent portion thereof~~ ~~[[,]] of fish~~ ~~[[,]]~~ followed is prepared by enzymolysis and a reverse osmosis membrane treatment; said collagen peptide containing at most 1.0 % by weight of free amino acid and at most 2 ppm of arsenic.

Claim 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the skin care agent is administered in the form of tablets, capsules, a powder, granules, a liquid or a paste.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the skin care agent further comprises an ingestible carrier.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 10, wherein the ingestible carrier is at least one food selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, powdered soups, dairy products, beverages, gum, candies, tableted

confectioneries, chocolate, jelly, cookies, corn potage soup, consomme soup, milk, pudding, yogurt, ice cream, alcohol beverages, vitamin beverages, mineral beverages, coffee beverages and nutrition drinks.

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the skin care agent further comprises an ingestible carrier.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 13, wherein the ingestible carrier is at least one food selected from the group consisting of confectioneries, powdered soups, dairy products, beverages, gum, candies, tabletted confectioneries, chocolate, jelly, cookies, corn potage soup, consomme soup, milk, pudding, yogurt, ice cream, alcohol

beverages, vitamin beverages, mineral beverages, coffee beverages and nutrition drinks.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the skin care agent is administered in the form of tablets, capsules, a powder, granules, a liquid or a paste.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 1 to 50% by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 1 to 50 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 18. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is orally administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 15 g per day.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is orally administered in an amount of from 0.1 to 15 g per day.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is obtained by hydrolysis of chitin with an acid, an enzyme or an acid and an enzyme.

Claim 21. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is obtained by

hydrolysis of chitin with an acid, an enzyme or an acid and an enzyme.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the method includes improving moisture and tension of the skin ~~[[,]] and promoting prevention and amelioration of rough skin and wrinkles.~~

Claim 23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 4, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an amount of from 35 to 50% by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 25. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for promoting amelioration of rough skin beautification and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein the N-acetylglucosamine is contained in an

amount of from 35 to 50 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 26. (new) The method for promoting amelioration of rough skin and wrinkles according to Claim 5, wherein said (b) contains the N-acetylglucosamine in a mixture with chitinoligosaccharide, said chitinoligosaccharide being produced when the N-acetylglucosamine is obtained by hydrolysis of chitin; and said chitinoligosaccharide being contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 20 % by weight of the total weight of the skin care agent.

Claim 27. (new) The method for promoting amelioration of rough skin and wrinkles according to Claim 26, wherein the collagen peptide obtained from fish is prepared by enzymolysis and a reverse osmosis membrane treatment; said collagen peptide containing at most 1.0 % by weight of free amino acid and at most 2 ppm of arsenic.